

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were rejected in the last office action, in which patents to Szenay (5,031,779), Hunt (5,685,423), and (Caplan 6,464,088) were cited as references.

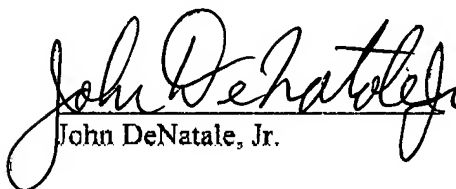
The claims have been amended in such a way as to describe the present invention more particularly per Examiner's comments, and are numbered as claims 7-12 herein. Importantly, new independent claim 7 has been re-written to positively claim a particular depth of the structure itself, as opposed to a comparison between the invention and unclaimed elements.

The patents to Szenay, Hunt and Caplan fail to teach the combination of features recited in the independent claim. The primary reference of Szenay also contains no indication of motivation to combine its elements with those of Hunt and Caplan (i.e. to adapt the device to utilize motorized means and/or remote control means).

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that if the present invention obvious to one skilled in the art, other designers would have recognized and used the structure of the present invention; yet there is no evidence of same. As such, the prior art references can only render the present invention obvious in hindsight

Thus, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner consider necessary any formal changes in the specification, claims and/or drawings, it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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